

How Do I Fix-Up My Comprehension?

If this is happening then it is time for a few fix-up strategies. Once your child realizes she is confused, she can do something about it. You can direct your child to:

1. Go back and re-read-*differently*! Sometimes it is enough to just reread with a new focus.
2. Read ahead to clarify meaning.
3. Identify what it is you don’t understand. Is it just one word, a sentence or the concept?

If it is a **word**-read ahead and see if you can figure out the meaning from context. If this doesn’t work ask someone the meaning or look it up in the dictionary.

If it is a **sentence** tricking you up-look at the pictures for help and think about what has happened so far; then reread and read ahead to see if understanding comes. If you are still confused talk to a friend, teacher or parent about it.

If you just don’t get the **idea or concept** of what you are reading try to summarize what has happened so far and see if that helps. Maybe you need more background knowledge on the topic. Is there an easier book you can read first to get some background? You can also talk to a friend, parent or teacher about the subject or look it up on the internet or in an encyclopedia. Sometimes books are challenging without talking about the subject-mom or dad can read this book with you can discuss it.